Dua on completing the Quran (khatam)

Sourced duas to make at a khatm, and the popular wording marked as not proven.

There is no fixed dua that the Prophet ﷺ taught for finishing the Quran. The popular khatm dua printed at the back of many mushafs, Allahummarhamni bil-Quran, has no authentic chain to him. What is reported soundly is the practice of the Companions: Anas ibn Malik gathered his family when he finished the Quran and made dua for them. So make dua in your own words, and use the sourced duas below.

The wording is the wording on our page, with its source under each dua. Quran ayat: Tanzil Project (tanzil.net), Uthmani script. Quran English: Sahih International. Reviewed by Hafez Mawlana Abu Darda and Mawlana Akramul Haque Fenwi, Islamic scholars. For a more accurate answer to your own situation, consult a scholar. Full guide: amalkit.com/duas/dua-for-completing-quran.

Ask Allah to accept it

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّآ ۖ إِنَّكَ أَنتَ ٱلسَّمِيعُ ٱلْعَلِيمُ

Rabbanā taqabbal minnā, innaka antas-samīʿul-ʿalīm

Our Lord, accept [this] from us. Indeed You are the Hearing, the Knowing.

Quran 2:127, translation by Sahih International

To stay on guidance

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً ۚ إِنَّكَ أَنتَ ٱلْوَهَّابُ

Rabbanā lā tuzigh qulūbanā baʿda idh hadaytanā wa hab lanā mil-ladunka raḥmah, innaka antal-wahhāb

Our Lord, let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

Quran 3:8, translation by Sahih International

The dua the Prophet ﷺ made most

رَبَّنَآ ءَاتِنَا فِى ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِى ٱلْءَاخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ

Rabbanā ātinā fid-dunyā ḥasanatan wa fil-ākhirati ḥasanatan wa qinā ʿadhāban-nār

Our Lord, give us in this world [that which is] good and in the Hereafter [that which is] good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire.

Quran 2:201, translation by Sahih International

The popular wording (not proven)

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي بِالْقُرْآنِ، وَاجْعَلْهُ لِي إِمَامًا وَنُورًا وَهُدًى وَرَحْمَةً، اللَّهُمَّ ذَكِّرْنِي مِنْهُ مَا نَسِيتُ، وَعَلِّمْنِي مِنْهُ مَا جَهِلْتُ، وَارْزُقْنِي تِلَاوَتَهُ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَأَطْرَافَ النَّهَارِ، وَاجْعَلْهُ لِي حُجَّةً يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Allāhummar-ḥamnī bil-Qurʾān, wajʿalhu lī imāmaw-wa nūraw-wa hudaw-wa raḥmah. Allāhumma dhakkirnī minhu mā nasītu, wa ʿallimnī minhu mā jahiltu, warzuqnī tilāwatahū ānāʾal-layli wa aṭrāfan-nahār, wajʿalhu lī ḥujjatay-yā rabbal-ʿālamīn

O Allah, have mercy on me through the Quran, and make it for me a guide, a light, guidance and mercy. O Allah, remind me of what I have forgotten of it, teach me what I do not know of it, grant me its recitation through the hours of the night and the ends of the day, and make it a proof for me, O Lord of the worlds.

No authentic chain to the Prophet ﷺ. Hadith scholars such as al-Iraqi found it only with a broken chain